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CULINARY CARMEL DRIVE GAINS AS MORE HOUSES TALK CONTRACT; MONTEREY BOSSSES DELAY REPLY

Continuing progress in organization of the Carmel area by Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483 was announced last Saturday night by Royal E. Hallmark, union secretary-business manager, who said operators of four more major houses have either signed agreements or agreed to negotiate.

Developments of the past week included:

1. Placing of pickets at the Mission Ranch at 5 p.m. Friday but immediate withdrawal of the picket lines following agreement by Dudley Nix, operator, that no interference would be made with union employees and talks with the union would be started as soon as he had been able to contact his employer.

2. Signing an "agreement of recognition" with Harrison Godwin,

operator of the Fine Inn Hotel, whereby the union gained recognition and certain conditions for union workers employed there, plus an agreement that a contract would be negotiated by July 15.

3. Receipt of a letter from representatives of the Del Monte Properties, including the fashionable Del Monte Lodge Hotel, that union officials would be welcome to come to Pebble Beach for the purpose of contract negotiations.

4. Assurance from Joe Sullivan, attorney for Aston Stanley, lessee of the LaPlaya Hotel, that negotiations would be started at once for a contract.

5. Count of the list of new union members gained thus far in the Carmel organizational effort, the total standing at more than 100 as of last Friday.

Meanwhile, Hallmark announced, no word has been received from the Monterey Restaurant Owners Assn. as to action in regard to the union's compromise offer, submitted two weeks ago. However, he explained, there is no reason for concern over the delay since present contracts do not expire until July 15.

Late Friday, two carloads of pickets arrived at the Mission Ranch and formal picketing was started. Five p.m. had been set as deadline for contract signing. Union employees in the house left their jobs when pickets arrived.

Union officials determined immediately that Manager Nix had been unable to contact his superiors, and sent pickets home. Union crews returned to the jobs. In all the picket line lasted only a very few minutes, Hallmark said.

The Mission Ranch contract talks will be started by this Friday, Hallmark said, under the union's one-week extension of time.

Local 483 has gained contracts with Sada's Restaurant and with the Highlands Inn in the short time since the drive started.

Drivers are seeking 6 days pay for a new 5-day week. Glen Bowers, of the State Conciliation Service, said this issue has deadlocked the Pacific Greyhound Co. strike and that the Monterey tieup may continue until the Greyhound strike has been settled. Mayor Searle is continuing his efforts, however.

Butler's Team Plays on Tues.

First game for the Houston Fertilizer Co. softball team, managed by Jimmie Butler and entered in the Salinas Softball League, will be next Tuesday night (May 13) against the Cal Chokes ten of Castroville. The league started on Monday of this week. Butler, secretary of Barbers 827, is a commissioner of the league.

Meanwhile, the Salinas Valley League, of which Butler is a director, starts its second round robin of the first half on Sunday. The Mothers Day program includes an 11 a.m. game with Greenfield at King City and a 2 p.m. game with Gonzales at Soledad. Salinas Moose has drawn a bye.

Bureau of Public Roads bill as passed by the House totals \$359 million for 1953, which is \$70 million below that for this year.



LEGAL ACTION DUE SHORTLY ON PAY CLAIMS

Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey announced last week that State Labor Commissioner William J. Walls will file court claims against restaurant owners in Monterey to gain payment of nearly \$5,000 in pay for waitresses who have had to bus their dishes.

Under the union's contract, upheld by an arbitration award, a waitress carrying dirty dishes is entitled to the higher pay scale of bus boy. Restaurant operators have refused to pay the higher rate.

An informal hearing conducted by Commissioner Walls last week resulted in a deadlock when employer attorneys argued that arbitration decisions must be gained in each individual employer dispute. Union officials insisted that the contract is legal for all if legal for one.

Walls said legal action will be pressed at once and the union has agreed to supply necessary data for the court case.

Sal. Carpenter Work Improves

Employment in Carpenters Union 925 is approaching normal for this time of year, according to Business Agent Harvey Baldwin.

The union official said that there still were some members out of work but that the number is far less than in past weeks.



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BIG STEEL CITED AS SQUEEZING OUT SMALL COMPETITORS

Washington (LPA)—Monopolistic practices of big steel companies were described to a Senate Small Business subcommittee April 23 in a Federal Trade Commission report submitted by acting FTC Chairman Stephen J. Spingarn. The subcommittee, headed by Sen. Russell B. Long (D., La.),

they tell the recipient to destroy it.

Asked by Long about a "secret" FTC report on an international oil cartel, Spingarn said the "secret" classification had been made during the "extremely delicate" Iranian oil situation. He said FTC was in the process of getting a recommendation from "the proper foreign policy officials" about what to do with the report.

In Union Circles

Parking lot at the Salinas Labor Temple has been filled and graded to provide improved facilities for union officials which use the lot. This is another service by the Labor Temple Association. The recent heavy rains caused some damage to the lot's surface.

Annual barbecue of the Salinas Optimist Club will be held next Sunday (Mother's Day) at the Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds. Net proceeds will go into the fund for the camp program for Junior Optimists. Jimmie Butler, barbers union official, is Boys Week chairman for the Optimists. Any union member interested may attend the barbecue. Tickets will be on sale at the gate.

Will Hayes, Democratic candidate for Congress, met with labor union officials last Friday noon at an informal luncheon and get-together.

Seattle Temps Welfare Pay Past Million

The payment of claims for hospital and medical care under the Teamster Security Plan in the state of Washington passed the million dollar mark in April.

This mark will be far surpassed before the end of the year as many more negotiated plans become effective and after action by the WSB on plans submitted for approval.

More than 19,000 members and their families in the state of Washington are now covered by the plan and many thousands more will be covered if and when the WSB grants approval.

This represents growth of the Teamster Security Plan since it started two years ago.

Meet Meat

A speaker at a recent meeting to line up protests against the increasing cost of electricity told this tale:

A housewife purchased a large sausage from her favorite butcher but returned the following day with fire in her eye: "What do you mean—selling me a sausage and stuffing one end with cornmeal?" she demanded.

The butcher threw up his hands. "What can I do?" he asked. "My electric bills go up, my gas bills go up, my telephone bills go up, everything I buy goes up—how can I make both ends meet?"

Million Homes in '52

Although the government goal is 800,000 starts this year, statistics show that homebuilders will reach the one million mark in 1952. During January and February, 68,000 and 77,000 new non-farm dwellings were started.

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Property, Human Rights

Everybody's yakking about the steel situation, 98 percent of it slanted to a selfish viewpoint, so we might as well get in a couple paragraphs on it. Two fundamental aspects come to mind: 1. Court decisions are still reflecting the ancient attitude that property rights are superior to human rights. Much of America's present national and international troubles arise from this outmoded and fundamentally indecent viewpoint.

2. Again it hits home hard that if we are to fight communism abroad, successfully, we must have a clean house at home. Sooner or later we'll come to a crisis, at which some very careful self-analysis and some very basic decisions will have to be made.

Clean Up Labor Temples!

Although our newer union buildings are now becoming fine examples of clean, business-like establishments, usually in a good location, the majority of our labor temples are still, unfortunately, poor public showings for the labor movement.

A clean, pleasant, efficient building is one of the best means of good public relations available to us, yet it is probably the one most widely overlooked. Even though a labor temple is old and has depreciated with its surroundings with the years, there is no excuse for it to go unpainted and dirty forever. We have enough gumption and are supposed to be well enough organized, so that we could insist on keeping labor's home and headquarters a bright spot of the district.

Those waiting for work calls should be out of sight, not loitering out front, and a committee should enforce rules of cleanliness. The building should be kept freshly painted and clean and clean-smelling. The filthy habit of promiscuous spitting should be rigorously prohibited. (In some countries this is a police offense. Our downtown merchants would do well to look into this.) A five-minute parking zone should be enforced in front of the building.

Those personnel meeting the public in person or by phone should be trained in good manners and good sense. That doesn't mean we have to be gullible to all the phonies that approach labor unions; we should be able to spot them by now.

Labor has a tough row to hoe. It has a minimum of money to work with and a maximum of troubles, either from screwball members or screwball employers. But we might find that a lot of our troubles can be lightened by clean, orderly surroundings.

Don't Be Fooled!

Unless we look behind the smoke screen of false issues and scare propaganda in this crucial election year, we may lose the gains we have won.

That's the plain language Rep. George Rhodes (D., Pa.) used in telling the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor's convention what trade unions face in this election year.

"We are in danger," Rhodes said, "but not because we do not possess the armed might and military strength to defend ourselves and the free world against aggression."

"We are in danger, but not because the greedy forces of reaction have great wealth and great power to use against us. They have the wealth, but we have the people."

"We are in danger because of the confusion which surrounds us and because of the apathy and indifference of many of our people. We are in danger because reaction, without a program for the people, and with a bitter hatred for labor unions and social progress and reform is planning to take over in a campaign on phony issues and to rob the people of the gains they have won over the New Deal years."

"Reaction is advancing rapidly behind a smoke screen of confusion. They frighten people with scare talk and put unpopular labels on all important social and labor legislation which they do not dare to oppose in frontal attacks."

"We must not be fooled by these fake fronts and propaganda."

Stop a minute and look at the calendar. Will you be available to cast your ballot on Tuesday, June 3? If you are to be out of town, be sure to get an absentee ballot well ahead of time.



Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone Cypress 2-2480.

Do you have more than one social security number? If you do, you stand a good chance of missing some of the old-age and survivors insurance benefits payable in the future to you and your family.

Only wages credited to the social security account of the worker involved may be used in fixing the amount of benefits payable when a claim is filed. Unless the applicant can furnish a record of all the social security account numbers he has used, he may not get credit for all the wages he has earned in jobs covered by social security. And that could mean a loss of money at a time when it is most needed.

The Social Security Law greatly increased the amounts payable to retired workers and their families as well as to their survivors when they die. It is, therefore, important that the worker receive credit under one number for every dollar he earns in a job covered by social security. Having more than one account number may lessen his chance of getting credit for all of his wages when the time comes for him or his family to file claims for old-age and survivors insurance.

All persons having more than one social security number should get in touch with the Social Security Administration field office at the above address as soon as possible. If you lose your card, get a duplicate at the listed office. Do not get another card with a new number. Your card may not last all of your lifetime, but one social security account number will.

Remember, don't hold more than one social security account number. Put all your eggs in one basket, and watch that basket.

State LLPE in 10 More Endorsements

(State Fed. Release)

Ten additional AFL endorsements for Congressional and State Assembly seats for Los Angeles County districts were announced this week by C. J. Haggerty, executive head of the California Labor League for Political Education.

The endorsements fill districts left open by the state LLPE at its pre-primary convention held April 7.

E. Newell Barrett won the supplementary endorsement for the 20th Congressional District. The present incumbent is Carl Hinschaw.

Woodrow Wilson Sayre was awarded the AFL endorsement in the 25th Congressional District. He will oppose incumbent Patrick J. Hillings in the June primaries.

Supplementary endorsements for State Assembly posts were given Joseph L. Johnson, 47th District; Alice C. Thompson, 48th District; Donald E. Feeley, 50th District; Carl E. Stenz, 53rd District; Duane T. Bretz, 56th District; Benjamin F. Schwartz, 57th District; Elizabeth Gilman, 59th District; and Ann Douglas Kemp, 60th District.

Rich Men's Tears

In Detroit, two weeks after a group of General Motors executives and directors almost wept in public over high federal taxes, 64 of them sat down and voted themselves salaries and bonuses totaling \$10,880,000!

The U. S. in 1951 had a civilian labor force of 63 million, compared with 54 million in 1944.

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(AFL Release)

1. Western Union Telegraph Co. has enjoyed another profitable year because of the increased efficiency of its employees and their loyal services.

2. The employees represented by the Commercial Telegraphers Union have asked the company to reduce the work-week from more than 45 hours to 40 hours, 5 days per week, and to raise wages 16¢ an hour, a portion to be used to eliminate job and geographical inequalities.

3. The employees have offered to compromise on the issue in dispute but the company has refused to make any offer—not one penny.

4. The company has rejected the employees' offer to arbitrate the issues.

5. Telegraph volume has been reduced to a mere trickle; telegraph rates are being charged for messages mailed.

6. The company is using the dispute to attempt to win new concessions from Congress to increase its profits.

7. The employees refuse to let the company break the Commercial Telegraphers Union and will withhold their services until a satisfactory settlement is made.

8. The 40-hour week is 10 years overdue in Western Union. It is the prevailing practice in almost all American industry. The \$1.30 per hour average rate of Western Union employees is far below the \$1.75 in comparable utility industries. Telephone, Western Electric, and almost all employees in comparable industries have received 10¢ to 20¢ an hour in wage boosts since the Western Union dispute began.

POTTERS HONORED

Trenton, N.J. (LPA) — Thirty disabled, pensioned and charter members of Local 11, Brotherhood of Operative Potters, were honored guests at the local's annual banquet April 26.

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We in the Western world have made a wonderful discovery. We have discovered the new world of plenty, based on the fact that one man's work can now produce more—much more—than is required for one man's subsistence.

It is time we all got together to bring the American way of life into the universal way of life, keeping the best and giving our best, as a matter of mercy and decency.

Unless we are willing to sacrifice for others because our goals are spiritual, we will have either peace or security.

MURRAY LINCOLN.

BOILERMAKERS DEMAND FAST FLOOD ACTION

(AFL Release)

Kansas City, Kan. — The joint executive council of the Amalgamated Brotherhoods of Boilermakers and Blacksmiths, as a result of the Missouri River valley floods, has called upon Congress to "adjourn political shadow boxing and speedily enact the necessary legislation, together with adequate appropriations, to promptly start and complete a sound and permanent flood control program."

Other groups specifically recommended an end to sand-bag flood control and beginning of a modification of the Tennessee Valley Authority, to include other advantages such as power development.

The Boilermakers-Blacksmiths' Council pointed out that "many communities in the Missouri River watershed are now, for the second time in 10 months, being deluged by floods which are bringing sorrow, discomfort, and great financial loss to a vast segment of our American citizens."

A sound, immediate, and permanent flood control program was asked so that the people of this great midwestern area—workers, farmers, businessmen, manufacturers, and all others affected—may be spared the financial losses, sacrifices, hardships, and mental torment incidental to these recurring floods," the council declared. "It is estimated that the losses in 1951 alone would have more than paid for the entire Missouri River basin flood control."

The resolution cited America's defense obligations at home and abroad, but stressed that "the security, protection, and comfort of the taxpayers in this great midwestern area transcends all other obligations."

Also, it voiced "indignation over the fact that our own government is ignoring this tragic problem affecting so many people." Copies of the resolution were sent, not only to all members of Congress, but to President Truman and all members of his Cabinet.

Civilian Building Lag

California's civilian construction in the first quarter was 26 percent off from last year's first-quarter volume. The total increased during March over January and February, but March was still 12 percent down from March, 1951.

ECONOMY BLOC SQUEALS FOR PORK BARRELS

Score of congressmen who argue that the New Deal and the Fair Deal have led the country toward bankruptcy and who say they believe in government "economy" demanded that a House Appropriations subcommittee spend money on "pork-barrel" projects in their home districts.

WERDEL WANTS \$73 MILLION

The subcommittee on Army civil functions—which handles appropriations for such things as flood control and river and harbor work—reported that Rep. Thomas Werdel (R., Calif.) asked the group to approve \$73 million for California flood control, including \$6,237,000 for a dam in his own district.

Other Congressmen, who begged the subcommittee for "pork-barrel" funds to be spent in their districts in the year beginning July 1 and who later gutted the public housing and slum clearance program include:

Gathings (D., Ark.), Harris (D., Ark.), Phillips (R., Calif.), Scudder (R., Calif.), Herlong (D., Fla.), Cox (D., Ga.), Rees (R., Kan.), Brooks (D., La.), Smith (D., Miss.), Curtis (R., Neb.), Harrison (R., Neb.), L. W. Hall (R., N. Y.), Aandahl (N. D.), Byrnes (R., Wis.), Ellsworth (R., Ore.), Norblad (R., Ore.), Stockman (R., Ore.), Gavin (R., Pa.), Riley (D., S. C.), Poage (D., Tex.), Horan (R., Wash.).

BENDER ASKS MORE

One of the most insistent champions in Congress of government "economy," Rep. George Bender (R., Ohio), a supporter of Sen. Robert Taft (R., Ohio), asked that the Budget Bureau figure of \$6 million for improving the Cuyahoga River around Cleveland be raised to \$13.5 million. Rep. Frances Bolton (R., Ohio) and the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, who frequently lash the Roosevelt and Truman administrations for "wastefulness," backed Bender's request.

Rep. Daniel Reed (R., N.Y.), consistent critic of what he calls spendthrift government, told the subcommittee that the \$25,000 which the Budget Bureau asked for a flood control project in his district "is entirely inadequate." He pointed out Congress had authorized \$609,000 for it.

On March 26, James Davis (D., Ga.) asked the House to cut more than \$1 million from the funds earmarked for the protection of natural resources of public lands. He also voted to cripple the public housing program. On February 22, he had asked the Appropriations group to add \$2 million to the \$3 million allotted for a dam in his district.

JENSEN JOINS IN

Rep. Ben Jensen (R., Iowa), author of the so-called Jensen rider to most appropriations bills reducing government personnel, asked the Appropriations subcommittee to add \$2 million to the \$5 million the budget requested for flood control in his district.

Every day of the subcommittee's hearings, an economy-talking Congressman or businessman urged an appropriation for pet projects.

WHITE-COLLAR JOBS STUDIED

Chicago. — White-collar "workshops," at which organization of workers in the white-collar jobs are studied, will be held this year from July 27 to Aug. 9 at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa.

Following the suggestions of Secy. of Labor Maurice Tobin that "the frontier of the American labor movement is the 15 million white-collar workers of the U.S." the Pendle Hill sessions will study how unions can help such workers meet their economic problems, and the attitude of white-collar workers toward organization.

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1951 Injury Rate Up 4% From 1950

Washington (LPA)—Though the average injury-frequency rate in manufacturing industries declined in the last three months of 1951 from 16 injuries per million man-hours to 13.9, the average rate for the whole year was 15.3, an increase of 4 per cent over 1950, according to preliminary reports received by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Labor Dept.

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IBEW-AFL Wins In System-wide PG&E Balloting

(State Fed. Release)

The American Federation of Labor last week won an historic victory in the public power field when the Int'l. Brothhood of Electrical Workers whipped the CIO by a three-to-one margin in an NLRB election for representation of clerical employees of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

Two months ago the IBEW won the so-called physical plant election from the CIO in the giant utility system.

Both elections were conducted on a system-wide basis under the auspices of the National Labor Relations Board.

The bargaining election covered the PG&E system throughout 46 counties of California and gives representation rights to the IBEW for more than 14,500 workers.

Victory for the AFL union culminated two years of intensive organization work. The initial AFL win came in 1950 when the IBEW won a showdown election from the CIO in the physical plant operations.

Despite the fact that the AFL contract had been in existence for two years, the CIO this year challenged AFL representation rights and called for an NLRB election for both physical and clerical employees.

The AFL contract for all workers on a system-wide basis is the first in the history of the PG&E, and marks another reversal for the CIO in its current program of attempting to upset established AFL bargaining rights in California.

6500 Miles of Pipe

Biggest oil pipeline construction in history is foreseen for this year by the Petroleum Administration for Defense. Present industry plans call for laying about 6500 miles of crude oil lines and 3500 miles of product lines during '52.

Sir Miles Thomas, chairman of British Overseas Airways Corp., one of Britain's state-owned airlines, has announced that the corporation made a profit of \$700,000 in its last financial year.

Legislation was introduced in Congress this month for another north-state project on Trinity river in the mountains west of Redding, which would send water through tunnels into the Sacramento river



AFL. Pres. Wm. Green, Tage Erlander, Prime Minister of Sweden, and Oscar Ewing, Federal Security Administrator, left to right, shown during recent talks on world labor problems.

Feather River Proj. Moves Step Nearer

The giant Feather river project moved one step nearer to reality this month when the state asked Federal Power Commission to approve hydro-electric features of the \$1,300,000,000 plan which would bring north-state water south to the Mexican border.

The state has made lengthy studies on the project it wishes to build on the Feather river above Oroville, and there has been preliminary agreement by the various state and federal agencies involved.

FPC's OK of last week for a private water project in the same area is not expected to deter progress on the overall program, which calls for a 710-foot-high dam and power plants. Water would run into the Central Valley system to feed deficiency areas in the Bay Area and continue southward in the valley, through the Tehachapis, and provide water for both arid and populated areas of Southern California.

Legislation was introduced in Congress this month for another north-state project on Trinity river in the mountains west of Redding, which would send water through tunnels into the Sacramento river

Wash. Lathers Win 45c Hike

Washington (LPA)—A 45c pay increase over a two-year period ended a 24-day strike of AFL Lathers here and the construction industry also signed agreements providing wage boosts for carpenters and cement finishers. The 200 lathers got 30c more than their old \$3 an hour rate, retroactive to April 1, when the strike began, and will get an additional 15c beginning March 25, 1953. Foremen will get a minimum of \$2 a day above scale in place of the previous \$1.

Approximately 5,000 carpenters, being paid \$2.75 an hour, will get 12½c more starting July 1. The contractors also agreed to add a cent an hour to the welfare fund, for a total of 7c. The cement finishers, now getting \$2.50 an hour, will receive 20c more when the Wage Board approves the agreement, and 1c additional Aug. 1.

The British retail price index figure was 133 on March 11, the same as on Feb. 12. Base level on June 17, 1947, was 100.

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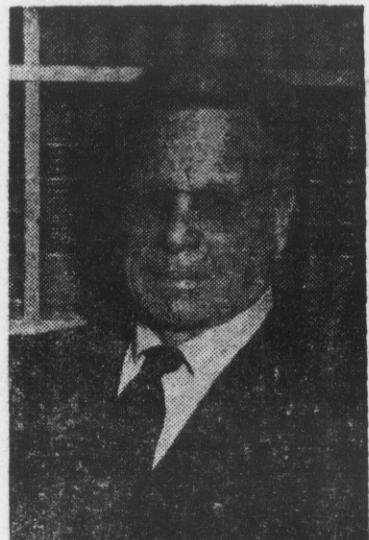
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MEETINGS

The long awaited meeting on the construction drivers' agreement will be held in San Francisco on May 8. Your secretary will have a report as soon as possible on the outcome of these negotiations.

The agreement with Sears has been opened for drivers, warehousemen and service men, and a meeting will be held for these employees on Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m., at the union office.

A meeting will be held for the Hollister and Fairview creamery employees in Hollister on Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m.

School employees, whose regular meeting of May 3 was postponed, will meet Saturday, May 10, at 10 a.m., at the union office.

The meeting for employees of Spiegel Farms, Dempsey - Hudson, and Raiter Canning Co. has been called for Monday, May 12.

This union, which is a part of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, went on record as endorsing the Southern Seas brand tuna which is being processed in Monterey. We urge all our members to purchase this brand of tuna for it will assist our brother and sister AFL members in Monterey in getting more employment. As

we all know, employment has been low for the Fish Cannery Workers, so let's give our assistance in reviving this industry in Monterey by getting a few cans of Southern Seas brand tuna.

BACK WILL HAYES

We are urging all our members and friends to support Will Hayes, candidate for Congress in the 13th Congressional District. We feel that he is a man who will represent all the people of this district. So let's get behind Will Hayes for Congress!

We also recommend that James Arnett, candidate for State Senate in the 25th Senatorial District, be given your full support. He is running against incumbent Fred Weybret, who has an almost 100 percent anti-labor record.

The following members have benefited from the Welfare Plan during April: Mark Casper, William U. Temple, Edward I. Cain.

GO UNION — BUY LABEL!

Forget Jurisdiction As Unionists Build Cabins for Scouts

Kenosha, Wis. (LPA)—Jurisdictional lines quickly crumbled when members of the Building and Construction Trades Council pitched in to build six cabins at Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta (taken from an old Sioux word meaning friendly) for the Boy Scouts.

Cement Masons and Laborers had things pretty much to themselves in pouring concrete for the structures' bases; then the Carpenters took over. But Plumbers, Electrical Workers, Operating Engineers, Truck Drivers and others came out on weekends, each man doing whatever task befell him. Before the camp stages its formal opening June 21 it is expected that all 57 locals affiliated with the council will have shared in contributing labor.

With the additional buildings—all snug and weathertight—it is planned to make the out-of-town grounds a year-round camp for Explorer Scouts. And "members of organized labor are invited to visit—no particular time—just whenever it is most convenient to them," said Howard Gatley, Boy Scout executive.

The four-year \$60 billion new plant and equipment expansion program is nearing the halfway point, NPA reports.

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Labor Pushes Sale of Tuna

A resolution adopted by the Fish Cannery Workers Union of Monterey and the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, urging the public to buy Southern Seas Tuna to aid a local packing plant and local union members, has brought results, union officials said last week.

The resolution, adopted a few weeks ago, has been endorsed by nearly all local unions and many unions and labor councils elsewhere in the state. The resolution reads:

WHEREAS, about 3000 of our fellow workers in Monterey, members of the A. F. of L. Fish Cannery Workers Union are ordinarily employed in the fishing industry; and

WHEREAS, because of a disastrous fishing season during the past years when sardines practically disappeared from the Central California Coast, most of our brothers and sisters in this union are and have been unemployed; and

WHEREAS, in order to furnish employment to the workers and to keep at least one plant operating, a first class tuna pack which is equal to or better than the well known brands, to be known as the Southern Seas Brand, is being processed in Monterey; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Seas Brand tuna is going to be marketed locally and the amount sold will determine the amount packed, and therefore the work available to our fellow members;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council that we, on behalf of our brothers and sisters of the A. F. of L. Fish Cannery Workers Union of Monterey, urge all our members to buy the Southern Seas brand of tuna, whenever they are in the market for fish and to request from all stores where they trade that this Southern Seas brand of tuna be stocked.

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Job Quarrel Injury Held Compensable

In a case which attracted considerable comment in the press, the Supreme Court upheld the Commission's reversal of previous policy with respect to injuries sustained by an employee who is the aggressor in a work-provoked quarrel.

An oiler on a road construction job objected when the foreman directed a truck driver to issue an order to him. The foreman had to walk past the oiler in order to give the order in this indirect manner. When the oiler objected, bad feeling developed which culminated in a fight in which the oiler took the initiative. The oiler was injured and disabled as a result of the fight.

The Commission, in defending its award, conceded that it was contrary to its former decisions, but argued that it was in keeping with the modern, liberalizing trend in workmen's compensation cases. It was pointed out that California courts recently adopted the liberal view in holding that a victim of horseplay is entitled to compensation, and that a similar holding in

this case logically followed.

The majority of the court, in a lengthy opinion, held that "fault" of the employee is not a bar to recovery of workmen's compensation benefits and that, so long as the quarrel arises out of and in the course of the employment, the aggressor is entitled to compensation for his injuries.

Anaconda Profits Up 7.6% Despite 24% Tax Boost

New York (LPA)—Its gross income went up 8.8 per cent, and its income taxes went up almost 25 per cent, but Anaconda Copper nevertheless made 7.6 more net profit in 1951 than in 1950.

Reports on first quarter earnings for 1952 also showed some firms doing better than in 1951, despite "killing taxes." Pullman, Inc. earnings rose from 88c per share to \$1.03, although its income taxes almost doubled, and its excess profits taxes went up almost 400 per cent. Net was \$2,261,609 against \$1,918,165 the same time last year. Federal and Canadian income taxes rose from \$1,934,074 to \$3,698,406; excess profits taxes from \$195,000 to \$961,272. Pullman owns Trailmobile, Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Co., and the M. W. Kellogg Co.

Dept. of Defense from July 1951 to February 1952 obligated a total of \$2.9 billion for construction.

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PRESS IGNORES TRUE SQUEEZE BY BIG STEEL

Washington (LPA)—Testimony about a profit and price squeeze by Big Steel on smaller firms and competitors was not news to the Washington corps of correspondents. The testimony was presented in a report April 23 from the Federal Trade Commission, given to a Senate committee investigating monopoly and its effect on small business.

The Washington Star used a four-inch story on page 11, said nothing about Big Steel. The Washington Post used nothing. Neither did the N.Y. Times or N.Y. Herald Tribune, or the Journal of Commerce. The Wall Street Journal kissed it off with an 11-line general item under its "Washington Checklist" department, also said nothing about the squeeze by Big Steel.

3 Big Oil Firms Accused of \$50 Million Overcharge

Washington (LPA)—Three giant oil corporations are accused of overcharging the Mutual Security Agency by \$50 million on shipments of crude oil to the Middle East under the Marshall Plan. The MSA turned its case over to the Justice Dept. on April 24 and asked for action.

The accused are Socony-Vacuum, Esso Export Corp. and California-Texas, the last a jointly-owned subsidiary of California Standard and the Texas Corp. which formed two more subsidiaries of its own for the deal—Caltex Oceanic Ltd. and Mid-East Crude Oil Sales Ltd.

For more than a year the MSA has been in negotiations with the companies involved, trying to get a price, which, it contends, should not be any higher than the lowest competitive price for such products and services. The shipments on which the MSA charges it was overcharged were made under MSA and its predecessor, the Economic Cooperation Administration, between May 1949 and December 1951.

The corporations denied the charges and the daily press devoted more space to the denials than to the charges. A financial daily put its headline on the denials.

On the day the charges were filed Socony-Vacuum reported net profits for the first three months of 1952 of \$41 million compared with \$37 million for the same period of 1951, in spite of higher taxes. It didn't reveal its actual profits before taxes, but the net rise was 11 per cent, which Pres. B. Brewster Jennings described as a "modest improvement."

California Standard reported a first-quarter net of \$41,791,386, compared with \$38,401,948 the year before. Texaco netted \$42,593,824, compared with \$40,537,711 a year ago.

Since 1939, Texaco's annual NET earnings have multiplied five and a half times—from \$32,886,807 in 1939 to \$178,774,677 in 1951—and Socony-Vacuum's five times, from \$34,452,710 to \$161,622,159. On that basis, a worker earning \$40 a week in 1939 should have now a take-home (after tax deductions) of more than \$200 a week.

The net earnings of Ohio Oil and Sunray Oil multiplied 40 times. On this basis, the worker referred to above should be taking home, after taxes, \$1,600 a week.

UNIONISTS AID CITY

Danville, Ill. (LPA)—This city's Recreation and Parks Dept. got two more tennis courts the first clear Saturday when members of the Plasterers and Cement Masons local turned out in force. Forms and cement were obtained at a nominal figure; the tennis club supplied wire nets and additional volunteer labor.



Washington, D. C.

• Whose Taxes Did You Pay?

Fifty-three million Americans met the tax deadline by pouring in a record number of returns. Thanks to the tax loopholes, some of those taxpayers managed to evade their fair share of the burden . . . which simply means that the rest of the taxpayers had to carry more than their share of the tax load. The Joint Economic Committee has issued a report saying that it is the direct responsibility of Congress to close the tax loopholes. If that is done, it says, there will be no need to increase taxes.

• Maybe He Needs a Doctor . . .

Sen. Homer Capehart (R., Ind.) says that because of government controls, the average businessman needs a doctor on one side to hold his head and a nurse on the other side. That may be true, but thanks to the Capehart Amendment, the procedure would be too expensive.

• Attention: Housewives

Are your electric rates too high? Better get set for a shock—and that's no pun! Higher and higher utility rates are on the horizon, now that the Federal Power Commission has thrown down the bars. Electricity increases are expected to lead the pack, with gas rates following closely.

• Medical Politicians Lose Again . . .

The Medical Trust has lost another round in its long and bitter fight against real health insurance programs. Superior Court Judge Arthur Mundo upheld the right of doctors in San Diego to deal with the Complete Service Bureau and its 10,000 members without fear of reprisal from the San Diego Medical Society. The court ruled that the bureau is bringing doctor and patient together under an arrangement which brings medical care under reduced costs.

JOKES, Etc.

Too bad United Nations cannot get more united notions.

change roosters.

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They haven't laid the foundation for the Presidential campaign yet, but already they're beginning to dig up the "dirt."

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The little man who was the meek escort of the big woman in the department store had fainted.

"Is he subject to this sort of thing?" asked the floorwalker.

"Not exactly," replied the woman. "He's a little nervous sometimes. I tried to buy it without his seeing me, but he heard me give the order."

"Buy what?" asked the floorwalker, suspiciously.

"A rolling pin," replied the big woman.

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Navy Wife: "When we were first married you said that I had a shape like a beautiful ship."

Husband: "Yes, but your cargo has shifted."

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Alimony is like paying installments on the car after the wreck.

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Neighbor Jones says that the best thing about a popular song is that it's not popular for long.

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Dotty: "I understand you are going West this summer to start a chicken farm."

Dolly: "No, just to Reno to

* * *

A young couple, eager to be married, went to see a local judge.

He told them it would be impossible, that even a special license would take two days.

The would-be bride and groom exchanged a look of misery, then a smile crept across the man's face. "Well," he suggested, "how about just saying a few words that would tide us over the weekend?"

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Carpenter Pete comments that there are two classes of people—good people and bad. And the good people are the ones who decide which is which.

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A much-bandaged man walked into the hospital. He was asked his name and then, "Are you married?"

"Nope," he answered. "I was knocked down by an automobile."

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Bulletin, U. S. Dept. of Labor: "As employment increases, unemployment is expected to decrease."

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A southern Negro, upon receiving his draft questionnaire, struggled desperately with the long list of questions. Finally he gave up in despair and returned the blank questionnaire with a notation saying, "Ise ready when you is."

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"Johnston, due to the fact that you've been with the company for 30 years, we're going to allow the employees to gather in the main office and sing 'Happy Birthday' to you!"

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"My dear," said Mrs. Newlywed, her face flushed with the excitement of her afternoon in the kitchen, "I want you to be perfectly frank with me now. What would you suggest to improve these doughnuts I made today?"

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The next Congress will be good
If you vote the way you should.



ABOUT FACE.—That's the title of red-haired Virginia Gibson's latest movie, but we think she looks good from any angle. (LPA)

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YOU GET TWO HOURS OFF TO VOTE--RULING

A recent decision of the United States Supreme Court upholding the constitutionality of a Missouri statute granting workers the right to take time off for voting without loss in pay should be noted by California employers, Labor Commissioner Lloyd A. Mashburn has announced.

The decision is significant, according to Commissioner Mashburn, because the Missouri law is almost identical with the California election law which provides that every worker eligible to vote at a general, direct primary, or presidential primary election is entitled to two consecutive hours off from work between the time of opening and closing of the polls.

In passing on the constitutionality of the Missouri statute, in the case of Day-Brite Lighting Co., Inc. vs. State of Missouri, the Supreme Court said: "The protection of the right of suffrage under our scheme of things is basic and fundamental. The law . . . is designed to eliminate any penalty for exercising the right of suffrage and to remove a practical obstacle to getting out the vote."

Mashburn stated that in previous election years persons making inquiry as to the effect of the California statute were advised that, under an opinion rendered by the Attorney General, workers were entitled to take time off only if they could show that they would be unable to vote without so doing.

However, following the 1950 elections, an action in the Superior Court of San Francisco resulted in judgment in favor of workers who had taken time off for voting even though the polls were open

Cost of Living Edges Up; Controls Cut on 16 Items

Washington (LPA)—The cost of living advanced a tenth of one per cent in the month ending March 15, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported April 22. The new Consumer Price Index went to 188, or 1.9 per cent above a year ago, and 10.5 per cent over prices just before the Korean war began.

Retail food prices remained unchanged. Fruits and vegetables went up 3.8 per cent; eggs dropped 3.1 per cent, fats and oil 3.5 per cent, butter 4.9 per cent. Clothing prices dropped four-tenths of one per cent, but rents and miscellaneous goods and services went up.

The index figure of 188 means it takes \$1.88 today to buy what \$1 bought in 1935-39.

The Government on April 22 announced that price controls on 16 commodities now selling below ceiling prices would be suspended as of April 28. Ellis Arnall, price stabilizer, declared no widespread suspension of price controls is under consideration, as three-fifths of all wholesale trade is at peak prices and barely one-fifth is at prices "significantly" below post-Korea highs.

Arnall warned that controls would be reimposed on any of the 16 commodities if prices rise close to the suspended ceilings. He cited raw wool, now selling at \$1.50 a pound, as an example. The ceiling is \$2.66. If and when the selling price reaches \$2.36, ceilings will be reimposed.

Other commodities affected are cattle hides, kips, calf skins, tallow, lard, animal waste materials, vegetable oil soap stock, crude cottonseed oil, crude soybean oil, crude corn oil, burlap, wooltops, wool noils, wool waste and alpaca.

Arnall told the Senate Banking Committee he is considering suspending controls on cotton and textiles.

several hours before or after their work shifts. This decision, together with that of the United States Supreme Court in the Missouri case, has removed any doubt that workers have an absolute right to time off under this type of statute.

Commissioner Mashburn pointed out that there is nothing in the statute which limits the right of the employer to designate the specific time at which the two hours may be taken off. He further stated that inasmuch as the statutory provision applies to specified elections at which the worker "is entitled to vote," only those who are registered voters would be entitled to avail themselves of the privilege granted by the law.

Labor Press Says Western Union Wants the Strike

Washington (LPA)—Eastern Labor Press Conference joined the Commercial Telegraphers Union (AFL) on April 24 in demanding a Congressional investigation of the Western Union Telegraph Co. and its president, Walter P. Marshall.

Charging that management is responsible for the "crippling strike" against Western Union which began April 3, EPLC said Marshall's refusal to grant the CTU's moderate and reasonable demands "is very like the 'public be damned' attitude of the most reactionary industrial barons of 50 years ago."

Meanwhile, the CTU took a full-page ad in the Washington Post to explain its case to the public. The union pointed out that Western Union has refused to grant any wage increase or the 40-hour week to the 31,000 employees represented by CTU, while granting 16½¢ an hour pay boost to 5,000 cable employees represented by a union identified to Congressional committees as communist-dominated.

CTU charged the company "does not want to settle the strike at all. Western Union is prepared to lose a few million dollars now in fighting the union, the ad said, to build up a case for its demand that Congress require competing international communications companies to merge with Western Union so the company will be "fabulously more profitable than at present."

Vote! June 3rd.

Congress Action on Steel Called Attack on Labor

(AFL Release)

The Congressional wolf-pack, in full cry against government seizure of the steel industry, was closing in on President Truman and the Wage Stabilization Board.

"This is an attack against labor," protested House Majority Leader John McCormack.

It was difficult to see how the workers of America could avoid reaching the same conclusion. The alacrity with which the reactionary coalition in Congress sprang to the defense of the steel tycoons, the viciousness with which they jumped on the Wage Stabilization Board, the unanimity with which they assailed the board's union shop recommendation—all added up to a very significant lesson in political education.



BIG WRITE-OFFS CITED BY AIKEN

"Congress has, since the start of the accelerated tax amortization plan, and until March 30, granted to industry and utilities certificates of necessity for quick tax write-offs amounting to \$16½ billion in new construction," George Aiken (R., Vt.) told his Senate colleagues.

Write-offs permit corporations to deduct the full cost of their plant and equipment from their tax bills in 5, instead of the usual 20 or 25 years.

WSB has ruled that all classifications of workers and mechanics performing construction work, regardless of the type of employer, are under jurisdiction of the Construction Industry Stabilization Commission. Ruling was made on test cases under General Wage Regulation 12.

"I think we should keep this in mind," said Aiken, "when we are prone to criticize appropriations of relatively small amounts for agriculture, education, health, or other purposes, which Congress is called upon to make from time to time."

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Labor News

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1952

"FLOOD WORKERS": MILLION MEMBERS OF ORGANIZED LABOR

Council Bluffs, Iowa (LPA)—The newspaper accounts of the Missouri Valley floods speak of "civilian flood workers," but fail to identify them as more than 1,000,000 members of organized labor. Mayors of inundated towns have praised these unionists, but the wire services are silent.

Typical is this tribute by Mayor James Mulqueen of Council Bluffs: "I deeply appreciate the efforts of union members in this emergency. The skilled craftsmen, railroad brotherhood members and others have helped immensely in this battle against our common enemy. I would like to express the deepest gratitude for the manner in which all of you have faced the problems and for the help which you have given."

At Omaha, trade unionists have been in the thick of the battle. Many unions furnished hundreds of members for use wherever needed. Union headquarters were used as manpower depots and trade union-

ists were dispatched to the danger spots.

In Washington the Eastern Labor Press declared "Once again labor is in the thick of the fight on the side of humanity. Labor is waging a most heroic battle, and it is high time that the people throughout the nation began to hear a little bit about it. Thus far, the daily newspapers, the radio and television have been silent on this aspect of the flood story. The Eastern Labor Press Conference calls upon the labor press to make the true facts known to the public."



ENGINEER IS JET ACE.—Capt. Robert A. Love, a member of AFL Operating Engineers since 1937, is the eleventh jet fighter ace in Korea, news dispatches indicated last week after he knocked down his fifth Communist MIG-15. He is shown in the above U.S. Air Force photo from Wide World, climbing into his F-86 Sabrejet in Korea. He lives in San Bernardino and is a member of Engineers Local 12. (Picture courtesy Wide World and Local 12's "Engineers' News-Record.")

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Senate Group Blasts T-H

In a sweeping denunciation of the Taft-Hartley Act, a Senate Labor Subcommittee charged it has served as "a cover for the ambush" of labor unions in the textile industry in the South.

The report, which followed a long inquiry into conditions in southern states, called on the full Senate Labor Committee to "undertake a searching re-evaluation of existing labor legislation" and recommended:

1. Amendment of the Taft-Hartley Act to abolish or reduce the authority of state and local courts to issue injunctions in labor disputes.

2. Committee study of whether federal law should prohibit the use of National Guardsmen "in connection with a strike situation" without a specific court order based on a finding of public necessity.

3. Tighter curbs on the right of employers to address "anti-union statements" to their workers.

The majority report dealt primarily with labor disputes in the textile industry in Tennessee and Georgia, where it said the Taft-Hartley Act has encouraged "primitive policies" and has failed to provide an effective remedy for such abuses. But it added that "no section of the country can lay exclusive claim to good or bad (labor relations)."

Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) served as chairman of the subcommittee and wrote the majority report approved by nine senators. The only two who challenged the report were Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) and Sen. Robert Nixon (R., Calif.). They said the committee findings were "neither objective nor factual."

Making Ends Meet

Thrifty Housewife Will Buy Dairy Products, Eggs, Fruit

By BERT SEIDMAN

Best buys for the thrifty housewife? In the coming weeks her market basket should have room for dairy products, eggs, oranges, and grapefruit. Pork and pork products will be a relatively good buy, too. Although the prices will no doubt stay above the level the consumers might hope for, the supply is heavy and a drop in prices has taken place. Come summer, when slaughter of hogs decreases, the pork supply is expected to dwindle and prices no doubt will go up.

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WATCH YOUR DIET AFTER 25

Dr. Brozek of University of Minnesota told a recent scientific meeting in New York that after the age of 25, it is a good thing to cut down dietary intake by 7½ per cent every 10 years. At the age of 70 a man should eat 30 per cent less than he did at the age of 25. He stressed the fact that overweight is the most widespread of all our nutritional disorders.

This cutting down on calories should be done with great care, though. Dr. Margaret Ohlson of Michigan State College told the same meeting that women in their forties and fifties who are diet-conscious, are likely to endanger their health by taking less protein than they use up.

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FOOD HINTS

Keep coffee fresh and flavorful longer by keeping the opened can in the refrigerator. No matter what the coffee maker, a small dash of table salt right on the coffee before you put it on the fire will help bring out the flavor.

If you find you oversalted the soup, don't despair. Cut a raw potato into 4 pieces, throw it in and simmer for 10 minutes. The excess salt will be in the potato.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

The best way to catch mice is, of course, to use a mousetrap. But to discourage mice from coming to your house, place 2 or 3 cakes of camphor near the basement door and windows. Mice don't like the smell of it. Be careful, though, not to put camphor cakes near

anything put up in naphthalene moth flakes or crystals. The camphor vapor will melt naphthalene and may ruin your winter-stored clothes.

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WATCH FOR UNION LABEL

Before you let the sales clerk wrap up your purchase and ring it up on the cash register, make sure that the union label is on what you have bought. And let the clerk know that what you want is union-made goods.

3-Week Vacations OK'd for 320,000

Washington (LPA)—Vacations of three weeks after 15 years of service for 320,000 Westinghouse and General Electric employees, instead of after 20 years, were approved by the Wage Stabilization Board on April 23.

Public and labor members voted for the improved vacation as established practice in other industries in areas where electrical plants are located, a WSB spokesman said. Industry members dissented because they "did not think the industry practice was proven." The vacation recommendation was the same as made in the steel case. Wage increases and other benefits in contracts negotiated with the firms by the unions were approved previously by the board.



"Notice the look of contentment and peace in his face . . . that comes from being registered and casting his ballot on election day."

Santa Claus Never Helped the Worker, Navy Yd. Men Told

(State Fed. Release)

It was the American Federation of Labor and not Santa Claus that won Navy workers their recent pay increases, an enthusiastic rally of Navy Yard employees was told recently in Long Beach.

The rally was sponsored by the AFL Boilermakers & Blacksmiths, Local 285, and climaxed an organizational drive at the yard which brought in several hundred new members.

Speakers included Edward B. Rowan, special representative of the Boilermakers Brotherhood; Ed Brown, secretary of the Long Beach Central Labor Council, and A. J. Timmons, secretary of the AFL Southern California Metal Trades Council.

Brown and Timmons pledged full support of the local movement in the organizing campaign.

Rowan related the role of the national and state AFL in pushing for recently-gained wage increases. "Santa Claus didn't do it," he reminded.

Rowan charged that the Navy, under a new method of classifying workers, is engaged in a speed-up, wage-cutting spree in which "practically everybody is classed as a learner or trainee, and though doing journeyman's work, is getting trainee wages."

Building Workers Show Slight Gains

Washington (LPA)—Union hourly wage scales for building trades workers rose 0.6 per cent in the first quarter of 1952, compared to a rise of 0.9 per cent in the last quarter of 1951, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Dept. of Labor announced April 25 on the basis of its quarterly survey of seven major building trades in 85 cities. The figures are based on minimum contract rates, excluding apprenticeship earnings, premium rates, and overtime.